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From the National Capital.

What with the noise made by the statehood fight, the Panama Canal, the rate regulation question, the pure food fight, and a few other active questions now being discussed in congress, we hear very little about the federal control of life insurance companies. This is extremely significant, and it behooves the policy holder to keep a sharp lookout to see that some legislation of this character is not smothered thru under cover of the smoke from these other battles. The fact that Senator Dryden, president of the Prudential Insurance company, is the prime mover in the matter of securing federal control supplies the evidence that legislation of this kind would be most welcome to the big life insurance companies, and not on the policy holders' account. Such control would enable the big companies to carry on their business with supervision of but one board of commissioners, as it would entirely do away with state supervision which at present causes them to be scrutinized by some forty-five separate boards. Do you imagine that if these companies had been under governmental control we would have been treated to the recent exposures so ably made by Mr. Hughes in New York? And don't you think it's to avoid a repetition of this scandal that the big companies are crying for federal control? They don't need any federal control, even if such control were constitutional which I very much doubt, as all that the government could control would be that which they now regulate on railroads, namely, to prevent any discrimination in rates, and no one ever heard a policy holder kicking about that. The real danger from these monster corporations is that they have accumulated such enormous assets and by means of their assets and the banks and trust companies which they control thru these same assets, two or three men now control over two thousand million dollars of the people's money, and they are using it solely and entirely to further their own schemes, thru which they hope to take more money away from the people and get it into their own coffers. Federal control is surely a great joke. So, Mr. policyholder, be careful who gets your proxy, and look out for federal control, and when you hear me holler grab your fountain pen and take such steps as you can to make your congressmen kill any bill that is not to your interest.

CHAS. A. EDWARDS.

A United Democracy.

If the democratic party in Missouri cannot win in 1906 by the largest majority in its history there is no virtue in issues or numbers. The democratic party has created, fought out and established every issue that will be prominent in the forthcoming campaign. The state republicans, though they had a working majority in the Missouri house of representatives last year, did not create a single issue that the people can stand for. The state democracy is entrenched behind an impregnable defense for the coming campaign and not a single issue upon which the party stands can be successfully attacked. The people of Missouri have already overwhelmingly endorsed the issues and the people are supreme. It is for this reason that the state democracy enters the present campaign with confidence. Being in the right half of any battle. The state democracy knows it is in the right when its platform and policies stand for the enforcement of the laws. The state democracy knows it is right when it accomplishes the eradication of race track gambling. The state democracy knows it is right when it accomplishes the eradication of bootlegging in the state legislature and in the metropolitan cities. The state democracy knows it is right when it accomplishes the eradication of graft in metropolitan police forces, in state institutions and every branch of state government. The state democracy knows it is right when the corrupt heads of great insurance corporations are made to bow respect to the great state of Missouri. The state democracy knows it is right when it stands on a platform endorsing the unexcelled record of the state administration the past year.

The republicans will stand by the brewers against the people, for the race track gamblers against the law-abiding citizens, for the grafting politician against the honest taxpayers and the masses in the rural districts; for the disregard of Sunday laws against the moral citizenship of the state. Can a party, even with an immense corruption fund at its disposal contributed by breweries and their allies, expect to win on a platform of bad booze, federal pie and defiance of the law?

There are as many democrats in Missouri as there ever were before, and they have united with the people of the cities as well as the rural communities, to keep Missouri in the front rank of well governed states. Howell County Gazette.

Rules Governing Democratic Congressional Primary. Whereas, the Democratic Congressional Committee of this, the Thirteenth Congressional District, pursuant to a regular call of its chairman and secretary, is now in session at Bismarck, Missouri, on this 17th day of February, 1906, for the purpose, among other things, of determining by what method the democratic nominee for Congress from said district shall be made, and the date on which said nomination shall be had; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, by the Democratic Committee of the Thirteenth Congressional District, as follows: 1st. That the method of nominating the democratic candidate for Congress in said district shall be by a primary election.

2nd. That the date for holding said primary election shall be on Saturday, the 18th day of August, 1906; and said primary is hereby called and fixed for said date.

3rd. That any county in said district holding its primary election for the purpose of nominating its county candidates, are hereby empowered and directed to place the names of the democratic candidates for Congress on its official ballot, along with its county candidates, to be voted on at said county primary election, subject to the same rules and regulations as govern said county candidates.

4th. That should any county in said Congressional District determine upon any other method than a primary election to nominate its county candidates, such county, by its County Central Committee, are hereby directed to cause to be held on Saturday, the 18th day of August, 1906, a primary for the purpose of voting upon the candidate for Congress from said district, under such rules and regulations as said County Committee may direct, by and with the approval of the said Congressional Committee.

5th. That at the primary election hereby provided for, by paragraphs 3rd and 4th, a democratic congressional committee for each of the eleven counties of said Congressional District, shall be elected, under the same rules and regulations as are herein made and provided for the nomination of a candidate for Congress.

6th. That in any county holding a primary election for nominating its county candidates, the candidate for Congress and for Congressional Committee shall pay whatever sum may be necessary to have his name placed on the official primary ballot, as may be determined by the County Central Committee of said county.

7th. That in any county not holding a general primary election to nominate its county candidates, but holding a special primary election to vote on candidates for Congress and Congressional Committee, the candidates shall pay their proportionate part for defraying the expenses of said special primary, as may be determined by the County Central Committee of said county.

8th. That the several Democratic County Central Committees or executive committee of the same, shall, when opening and canvassing the vote for their county candidates for Congress and Congressional Committee, and shall immediately certify the vote so reported and counted to the Democratic Congressional Committee of said county.

And in any county not holding a general primary election, but holding a special primary election, as herein provided, to vote on candidates for Congress and Congressional Committee, shall on the Monday after said election is held meet at the county seat and open and canvass the vote for Congressional candidates and candidate for Congressional Committee and immediately certify the vote as reported and counted to the Democratic Congressional Committee of said county.

9th. That the Congressional Committee shall meet on Saturday, the 25th day of August, 1906, at Bismarck, Missouri, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of casting up the votes of the several counties of said district for representative in Congress and for Democratic Congressional Committee; and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in said district for Congress shall be declared to be the regular democratic nominee for representative in Congress in the Thirteenth Congressional District; and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in each of the eleven counties in said district for Congressional Committee shall be declared to be the Democratic Congressional Committee for the next ensuing two years. In case of a tie vote or

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a contest, the matter shall be settled by the Congressional Committee, each member having one vote. The Chairman and Secretary of the Congressional Committee shall make out, sign and file a certificate of nomination as required by law.

10th. That the various County Central Committees are hereby requested to carry out in their respective counties, the foregoing rules as determined and agreed upon by this Committee.

R. A. FRASER, Chairman.
P. M. WELLS, Sec. Pro. Tem.

SUED FOR \$30,000.

The Dunklin Democrat sued for the above amount by Thos. H. Elmore, Geo. A. Crain and Fred Evans. On January 31, 1906, George A. Crain ex-Sheriff, Thomas Elmore Sheriff, and Fred Evans Deputy Sheriff, filed a suit each in the Circuit court of this county against the Dunklin Democrat of Kennett, Mo., asking for \$5,000 each compensatory damages, and \$5,000 each punitive damages making in the aggregate \$80,000 for libel. The article published in the Dunklin Democrat as alleged in the petition and upon which plaintiffs base their suit is as follows:

"It looks like Stoddard county toughs can come down here and ply their dirty work and then bring their pale down who will wear to their innocence. Will this be permitted in Dunklin county?"

It seems that these plaintiffs testified in a certain criminal case before the Circuit court of Dunklin county a few months ago and from that fact the Dunklin Democrat published the article stated above. These plaintiffs are highly respected citizens. Hon. N. A. Mosley is attorney for plaintiffs. The case will be watched with a great deal of interest. —Bloomfield Courier.

Our Correspondents.

Buchanan.

Health is reasonably good. The stove factory is running on full time.

Wm. Beckman is timber boss and Bill will see that the timber comes in.

Mrs. F. M. Tallent is still very puny.

We seem to have a good place for babies; three or four have arrived here recently.

Odie Eaker is still improving. Our school will close February 22, and an enjoyable time is expected. —LITTLE JAKE.

Loyd.

Health is good in our community. Arthur Green is down from Flat River, visiting his mother and friends here.

Our burg was a busy place last Saturday evening, and all seemed to enjoy it and our merchants, Messrs. Yount & Son, seemed to be especially pleased.

Mrs. J. S. Slinkard and Miss Clara Walker visited Mrs. J. H. Reagan last Saturday.

E. Yount has been sick the past week, but is convalescent now.

The Piney Union school will close March 3. Mr. S. Doggett has taught them quite a successful term.

The farmers in this vicinity are at work now, repairing fences and preparing to put in their crops.

John Reagan and wife were visiting at Marquand Sunday.

Joseph Powell is whitewashing the woods with rails for W. A. Yount.

Dungola.

(Arrived too late for last week.) Health is better in our vicinity at this writing.

Charles F. Bidwell purchased two fine mares recently; consideration about \$225.

James Newkirk's wife is very ill at this writing.

L. C. Kern was in our town a few days organizing a Tribe of Ben Hurand met with very good success.

D. Fish and family spent Saturday night and Sunday at Chas. F. Bidwell's.

Jacob Hughes sold his fine saddle horse recently.

Miss Minnie Butwell left Monday for Stoddard county where she expects to make her future home with her sister, Mrs. William Hobbs.

Gravil Wampler and family spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in our little town.

Dr. James M. Hindman purchased a fine saddle horse one day last week from Hon. Robert Drum of Marble Hill.

Rev. Wm. Bess preached an interesting sermon Sunday.

The saw mill has not been running steady for some time.

Charles Bagby is one among those who have been purchasing fine stock. —EARLY RISEN.

W. M. C. Notes.

Messrs. Arthur Ennis and Alonzo Moore are with us again; and likewise Miss Lillie McManama. All three have been teaching.

Charley Williams of Glen Allen entered school Tuesday.

Anna Jenkins has recovered her health so as to be in school again.

Ethel Slagle was called home suddenly Tuesday on account of severe illness of her mother.

Eula Davault is in school again after a spell of sickness.

The open session of the Excelsior Literary Society last Friday night was well attended and was an enjoyable occasion.

Teachers' classes are in full progress and are growing in numbers.

Two men, sober and industrious, brothers, are doing the same sort of work. The elder stopped with the common school; the younger spent six years in high school and college, at a cost of \$2,400. Add to this the loss of wages making in all \$5,000. In the year 1902, the older brother received \$800, for his services; the younger, \$3,000. The difference is \$3,000, equal to interest on \$50,000 invested at 6 per cent. It is 60 per cent a year on the \$5,000 invested in education. His increased earning capacity is equivalent to an invested capital of \$50,000 at 6 per cent with no taxes to pay. —PAINCE.

Lodge.

Health is good except a few cases of whooping cough.

The prospect for a wheat crop is not very promising.

Frank Miller is clearing a large new ground, and the Struble Brothers are also taking in a good sized clearing.

J. H. Chostner closed a successful term of school in the Pound district last Friday. There was quite a number from Trace creek and Madison county in attendance at the closing exercises.

Rev. Urian Jamison filed his appointment at Trace Creek church the second Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Sample are the happy parents of a fine girl baby.

was here last week looking after his real estate interests.

Who can beat Lodge for a heavy weight boy, age considered? Master Willie Mousse, nine and half years old, weighs 123 pounds.

Constable Crader had business at Lodge recently.

Oscar Yount moved back to his farm near here recently.

Poley Yount and wife of Lutesville attended church at Trace creek the second Sunday.

Success to THE PRESS.

Beverly.
(Arrived too late for last week.) Dr. E. C. Coleman and wife are spending a week at their country home near here.

Mrs. Muench is visiting her daughters this week.

N. M. Slinkard, son of Judge Slinkard, has bought the stock of goods belonging to Stevens & King and moved them to his father's place.

Sam Bess put up a nice lot of ice during the recent cold snap.

G. A. Venable attended quarterly meeting at Pleasant Valley church.

Poley Yount and wife of Lutesville were in this vicinity recently.

Mrs. Benner and son, Walter, were in Lutesville last Friday.

Miss Norma Whitener, who has been visiting at Glen Allen several days, returned home Saturday.

Hugh Stitzel contemplates leaving for Sedalia to attend a business college in the near future.

Grandpa Venable returned from a visit to relatives near Spring Valley and where he attended the funeral of old Mr. Hilderbrand last week.

Miss Delilah Zimmerman is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam Bess.

Miss Radie Moore visited her brother, Miles, Saturday and attended Sunday school at Union church Sunday.

Rev. Barrett passed thru our town Monday on his way to Rhodes' chapel.

Tallent.
Health is good with the exception of bad colds, and they are plentiful at this writing.

Our clover postmaster and merchant, J. W. Tallent, is kept busy these days supplying the wants of his many customers.

A first-class barber would do well at Tallent, and would be appreciated by our people.

The rural free delivery mail man says if you don't think there is some mud these days just follow him and you'll be convinced.

Rev. F. F. Yount delivered an interesting discourse at Mount Carmel Sunday, to a large and interested audience.

Dr. Coleman was in this vicinity several days last week on professional business.

Juan Moyers is successfully managing his incubator. He has a large number of chicks already hatched and more will hatch shortly. Success to you, Juan.

P. E. Shell was at Fredericktown several days last week on business.

Last Wednesday was St. Valentine's day and our postmaster says he wishes it would occur oftener.

Our school will close February 24. A program will be rendered by the school, and an interesting feature will be a debate on the following subject: "Resolved that Curiosity will lead man further than necessity." A good time is anticipated. All are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. O. S. Tallent is engaged in a meeting in the extreme northern part of the county this writing.

Lafin.
Health is not very good at this time.

Little Robert Stark has been quite sick for the past week.

Mrs. Haas and daughter, Virgie, of St. Louis are visiting relatives and friends here.

Little Lowell Crafton is quite sick at this writing.

Prof. J. A. McCullough closed a successful term of school February 16, afternoon. Several of the people came in and had an enjoyable time. A nice program was rendered by the pupils in the afternoon. All enjoyed the day.

Rev. W. J. Poston has been quite busy for the past week.

moved his family to Poplar Bluff last week.

Died.—At her home near Clipper, February 11, Mrs. Carrie Brown, wife of Francis Brown.

She was a member of the M. E. church at Barks chapel and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that place. She leaves a husband and one child and a host of friends to mourn her departure.

It is reported that our bustling blacksmith, Erich Shell, contemplates moving to Marquand in the near future.

Scopus.
Here I come again with a few items.

Plenty of mud now, but we are having some beautiful days, reminding us of the fact that spring will soon return.

Bad colds seem to be rather prevalent with us now.

Hattie, the 15-year-old daughter of Willis Brewer, is still seriously ill with some kind of brain trouble.

The 7-month-old babe of Adam Walker died since I sent in my last communication.

S. E. Dewhitt and J. N. Cook put up a fine lot of ice during our last cold spell.

Surveyor D. R. Sample did some surveying for Jeff Linbaugh and S. E. Dewhitt here last week.

Our public school will close February 24, and there will be an entertainment at night. The day will be spent by recitations by the pupils appropriate remarks by the parents and the following question will be debated: "Resolved that Moral Persuasion is better than Compulsion." I. W. Jones and Eli James are the captains. A good time is expected.

Jonas Barks received the sad news one day last week of the sudden death of his mother-in-law. She retired in the evening well, as usual, and died before morning.

Mr. Barke and family attended the funeral at Sedgewickville.

Samuel Cole, H. B. Cole's clever clerk, talks of moving to Cape Edward and engaging in farming.

Edward Shell was in our neck of woods, buying stock last week.

The people are discussing the bad condition of our roads and how to manage to improve them. That's right keep agitating the subject.

What has become of "Apple Pie Ridge"? Pass your pie again.

Hurricane.
As I saw my items in THE PRESS last week, I send you another lot.

With the exception of bad colds health is very good in our community.

Valentine day has come and gone and everybody was well pleased with the valentines they received.

Mr. Groundhog did not see his shadow and we are expecting spring at once.

J. M. Trentham and wife have moved.

Tom Shrum made a flying trip to Mayfield and purchased a span of mules.

Elsie, the little daughter of Col. Ridings, is recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

The school at this place will close the 24th of February. Teachers and pupils are preparing to have an enjoyable time on the closing day.

The sheriff was seen in this community a few days ago.

D. A. Masters has built an addition to his house.

Hersel, the little son of John Grindstaff and wife, who is at the Mayfield sanitarium at St. Louis is getting along nicely at present.

Mrs. W. B. Nannoy is in very bad condition and her physicians say nothing but an operation will ever restore her health. They are making preparations to take her to St. Louis at once.

Lee Masters of Mayfield was the guest of J. C. Ridings Sunday.

Miss Amanda Gromer of Marquand is visiting relatives on Hurricane this week.

J. B. Welker has purchased two good mules.

Alex Grable is clearing a large new ground and has it about ready for the plow.

"Uncle" John Ridings is erecting a new poultry house. I suppose he is going into the poultry business on a large scale.

We have another mail carrier; John Pulliam has the job now.

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